

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claim 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant also notes that no reference was made in the office action to the drawing. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an indication that the drawing has been accepted.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 33, 36-39 are requested to be canceled.

Claims 31-32, 34-35, 40-54, 56, 58- 61 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 31-32, 34-35 and 40-62 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-30, 33, and 36-39 have been canceled without prejudice to reintroduction in a related application. In the Office Action at page 4, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has therefore incorporated the subject matter of claims 39 and 33 into independent claim 31 in order to expedite the application. Claims 32, 34-35 and 40 have been amended accordingly. Other amendments have been made to better conform the claims to US practice.

Claims 41-62 are currently withdrawn. Claims 41-62 all ultimately depend from claim 31, and thus include all of the elements of that claim. Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be considered according to 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a). This was right was reserved in the responses filed by Applicant on April 19th, 2005 and August 17th, 2004.

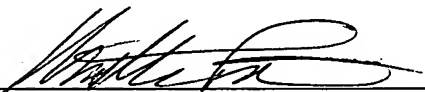
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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